

HE DID A GOOD JOB

With Razor, Poison, and Bludgeon a Man from Albany Killed Three.

WAS WELL PLANNED

And the Man Made Ample Preparations For Paying His Burial Expenses.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Louis Currier aged 40, at an early hour this morning cut his wife's throat, broke his son Archie's head with a baseball bat, took a dose of Paris green, and cut his own throat from ear to ear with a razor. All three are dead.

Currier left a letter addressed to the police which showed that the murder was premeditated.

The letter followed:

"To whom it may concern:
"When you find our dead bodies you may call upon the president of the Painters' Union and get \$150 for my funeral and \$100 on my wife that will bury the three of us, I guess. Notify my brother-in-law, his wife is my sister. Give them all my belongings. I have a sister on Morton street. Don't let her see any of us."

A MAGNETIC HEALER IN CHICAGO UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF MRS. POTTER PALMER.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Mrs. F. A. Walden, a "magnetic healer," who has astonished medical men in Europe, is in Chicago under the auspices of Mrs. Potter Palmer.

She says she will make many invalids well by simply laying hands upon them. Mrs. Walden declares she has in her eyes the power of the X-rays. She claims to be able to see into suffering bodies and diagnose ailments immediately.

"I don't really understand my power myself," she said, "I am not a Christian Scientist nor any other 'ist' except a plain simple Baptist who believes that faith in God can heal."

PRESIDENT KRUGER'S FRIENDS GREATLY ALARMED ABOUT HIS HEALTH.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—Private advices received here say that a German physician who recently examined Kruger pronounced him dangerously ill and scarcely likely to live more than a fortnight.

The president is prostrated by bronchitis, and the severe climate has facilitated the progress of the disease.

When Kruger was first attacked by his present illness his condition was the cause of no little anxiety. The unusual severity of the present weather, together with the damp atmosphere of the Netherlands have aggravated the aged executive's condition until now his friends are alarmed.

MABEL GILMAN HAS MADE A GREAT SUCCESS IN LIGHT OPERA IN LONDON.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Mabel Gilman, a young American comedienne, has signed a contract with Sire Bros. of New York today to take the title role in a new musical comedy which will open at the New York Casino February 4.

Mabel Gilman's success while here has been phenomenal. She has steadily risen until she commands the largest salary paid for light operatic and musical work.

She is one of the prettiest girls on the stage and has been immensely popular with the gilded youth. She has diamonds galore, rivaling those of Edna May, and gowns that are dreams of loveliness.

IT IS REPORTED THAT THE DEATH OF LI HUNG CHANG IS IMMINENT.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 12.—It is reported here Li Hung Chang is breaking down and that his death is imminent.

MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTORS.

Vice President Walz and Secretary Russell Re-elected For Another Year.—More Discussion of the Railroad Question.

The directors of the chamber of commerce held their annual election yesterday afternoon and selected officers to serve during the ensuing year.

There was a full attendance. On the first ballot S. J. Freudenthal was elected to succeed himself. He received five of the nine votes cast. C. R. Morehead received 2 votes; B. F. Hammett, and W. G. Walz, 1 each.

H. B. Stevens and B. F. Hammett were the tellers and took but a few moments to decide the contest.

W. G. Walz was elected vice president, Felix Martinez, second vice president, H. B. Stevens, treasurer and E. E. Russell, secretary.

Mr. Courchesne moved that the number of members of each standing committee be fixed at five instead of seven, except that the transportation committee remain at seven as heretofore. He suggested this change so that it might be easier to secure a quorum. The number of members of the transportation committee was made nine and on motion of H. B. Stevens, President Freudenthal was made its chairman.

After some discussion it was held that a committee on finance and ways was necessary and that it should be composed of three directors. U. S. Stewart, E. Kohlberg and A. Courchesne were appointed. Mr. Stewart had opposed the creation of this committee, as its work, in his opinion, should be performed by the board. It was also claimed that during the past year the committee had proved of little practical value. Other members of the board did not agree with this idea.

The possibility of the Bisbee railroad being induced to enter El Paso next came up for discussion. One railroad official, it was said, had insinuated that the resolutions passed by the chamber and sent to the council might be considered an unfriendly act by the railroads.

A discussion followed and it was finally agreed that the chamber had nothing but the friendliest feeling for the railroads and had no intention of attempting to deprive them of any of their rights. It was urged that should the chamber object to any new road entering hereafter in the heart of the city it would be only just and reasonable to offer the company suitable property on the outskirts of town.

It was the opinion of several members of the board that the Bisbee road is coming and that the S. P. would endeavor to get it to use its tracks into the city. The purchase of Franklin street was also discussed and some rough guesses made.

B. F. Hammett, W. G. Walz and H. B. Stevens were appointed to purchase 3000 copies of a recent publication gotten out by a local firm at 4 cents per copy. The publication contains a write-up of El Paso.

W. G. Walz was appointed a committee of one to cooperate with the secretary in preparing for the carnival celebration.

SCATHING INDICTMENT OF BALTIMORE HOUSE OF REFUGE BY GRAND JURY.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 12.—The grand jury has declared the female house of refuge to be a place of horrors, where the inmates are outrageously treated and where innocent girls are morally ruined.

In one instance, the grand jury says, an inmate was knocked down by an officer, dragged about by the hair, and whipped with a horsewhip. She was afterward gagged, put in a straight jacket, and locked in a dark cell.

One girl inmate was driven insane by similar treatment.

CONDUCTOR AND BRAKEMAN INSTANTLY KILLED IN A COLLISION.

BELLEVILLE, Ills., Jan. 12.—A double header extra south bound freight on the Illinois Central telescoped and totally demolished seven cars of merchandise and a caboose here this morning.

Both engines of the extra were wrecked.

W. A. Wing, conductor, and W. E. Ring, a brakeman, asleep in the caboose, were instantly killed.

Herald job office. Phone 115.

POLICE ARE POWERLESS

To Cope With the Increasing Number of Sharps and Buncos.

VIGILANCE CORPS

May Yet be Found Necessary If the Citizens Are to Protect Themselves and Visitors.

A bunco game that would have done credit to that boldest of all El Paso bunco steerers, Curley Sullivan, now serving out a term in the penitentiary, was worked this morning hard by the office of a morning paper on Overland street.

A verdant looking country youth who came here from Waxahachie to hunt a job was inveigled into a saloon and robbed of all the money he possessed, by a bunco man.

The boy told his story to the chief of police soon after he had been fleeced. He is perhaps 18 years of age and was wearing a suit of overalls with his coat over that.

"I came here yesterday hunting work," said he "and was waiting around the depot to go out. A small man with a mustache came up to me and after talking a while said he could take me to a man who would give me a job. I went down town with him. He took me into a saloon and asked the barkeeper where a certain man was. The barkeeper said that the man had been in there but a few minutes before and would soon be back. He went in the back part and sat down in a winerom with two strangers.

"Pretty soon the man I was with commenced playing a game with the two other men. I do not play anything, but he handed me some blocks that he called 'chips' and told me to play for him. We lost all of the blocks. Then the man asked me to buy some more chips and if we lost he would give me back my money. I lost all I had, \$15. Then the man said he would go out and try to borrow it from a friend. He never came back."

The verdant youth appealed to the police for aid. George Harold went with the country boy to locate the saloon. He said the youth took him to the Legal Tender, but the birds had flown.

The chief listened to the young man's tale of woe and was deeply affected.

A Herald reporter was told that there are at present many sharpers in El Paso who could give Curly Sullivan cards and spades and beat him at his own game.

Protection during the Carnival is needed and if the police are inadequate to give it a vigilance committee should be organized to make short shift of the bunco men and skin game sharks.

The boy who was fleeced this morning gave his name as T. C. Hall.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL WILL COME

To the Carnival If Their Wives Are Well, and There Will Also Be Two Mexican Military Bands.

James Magoffin, son of the mayor, and Dr. Samaniego, Sr., returned from Chihuahua last night where they went to invite Governor Ahumada and General Hernandez to attend the Carnival.

Their visit was a successful one. The governor and the general assured them that they would certainly attend if the health of their wives would permit.

Furthermore General Hernandez said he would send his military band to participate and the governor, whose band had been disordered, said he would reorganize it at once and have it here on January 15.

The Carnival association is highly elated over the amount of distinguished courtesy with which the invitations were treated by the high Mexican officials.

A GOOD WORD FOR EL PASO'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A Pecos Editor Sees in Our Schools a Greater Source of Pride Than Our Railroads or Smelters.

From the Pecos News.

A few weeks ago when we were at El Paso, we had the pleasure of being shown through her public schools by the very efficient and deservedly popular superintendent, Prof. Putnam. We had often heard of El Paso's schools as being in the foremost ranks among the best schools in Texas, but were hardly prepared for seeing so well regulated and manned a system as we found. El Paso takes great pride in her schools. They are her crowning glory. The discipline surpasses that of our military institutions, and the undeveloped citizen as found in the child is magnified and his moral training is not neglected. Prof. Putnam is fortunate in having Prof. Roach, a scholar and gentleman of unblemished reputation, a man of lofty ideals and pure life, as principal of the high school. All the other teachers were spoken of in the highest praise, though we had not the pleasure of meeting them all. But their supreme aim is to make citizens and not hoodlums, and they recognize the importance of keeping before the child's mind the highest ideals. This same kind of teaching is begun in the kindergarten department, which is perhaps not equalled anywhere in the state. This department is maintained at an annual expenditure of \$2000, and is free to all. For lack of room they were compelled to limit the ages this session. They have in charge young ladies who have made it their life study, and who are adepts in the art of teaching young children. It was a surpassingly beautiful and interesting sight to witness their daily exercises and methods of training in actual operation.

El Paso boasts herself of being a great railroad center, where smelters and mining of coal and the precious metals abound, and well she may. They are all good in their place, but these things do not develop good citizenship. All these are not to be compared to her public schools. If she is to maintain her onward march to future greatness with her present rate of progress, let her guard with sacred care her public schools.

CLAIMANTS MULTIPLY FOR A TWENTY MILLION DOLLAR ESTATE IN AUSTRALIA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Another claimant for the \$20,000,000 estate left by Imley Clark, the gold mine owner who died in Australia about two years ago, has appeared in the person of Edward Hilliker of Parachute, Colorado, who has written to Governor Voorhees of New Jersey setting forth his claims, and asking information.

The governor has turned over the case of the new claimant to Elvin W. Crane of New York, counsel for three other claimants.

YALE COLLEGE AND NEW HAVEN TOWN ARE GREATLY AFFLICTED WITH GRIP.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 12.—Five hundred new cases of grip are reported at Yale today. There are 400 more in university dormitories and a hundred students were seized with the epidemic at their homes during the Christmas holidays, and are unable to return.

Half a dozen instructors are sick and have given up their courses temporarily.

There are 12,000 cases of the disease in this city.

ARBITRATORS AGREE TO FAVOR ALL THE DEMANDS OF STREET RAILWAY STRIKERS.

READING, Penna., Jan. 12.—The strike of the employees of the United Traction company, inaugurated last Tuesday came to an end today. The board of arbitrators having granted nearly every demand made by the strikers.

The agreement reached by the arbitrators calls for the reinstatement of all employees discharged since January 1.

AN INCH OF SNOW HAS ALREADY FALLEN AT SAN ANGELO AND THERE'S MORE COMING.

Special Dispatch to The Herald. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 12.—An inch of snow has fallen at San Angelo and snow is still falling.

The Krug extradition case is still on trial. The case is hard fought; there is much evidence and lots of translating.

HE FAVORS NEW DEPOT

Mr. Thorne is Certain His Road Will Join In a Union Plan.

HE IS SURPRISED

At the Steady and Marked Growth Of El Paso, and Gives Assurances Of His Great Interest.

L. S. Thorne, general manager of the Texas & Pacific railroad, and J. W. Ward, Big Springs superintendent of the line, came in last night and spent most of today in El Paso.

Mr. Thorne was very free in expressing his opinion of El Paso and says he is more favorably impressed with the future of this city every time he comes here.

"I feel like I am in a new city every time I come to El Paso," he said to a Herald reporter. "El Paso is growing faster than any town I know of and will some day be a handsome city. I do not believe the people of El Paso realize what the city is doing. Being here all the time the new improvements are not so noticeable as they are to strangers. I was here not two months ago but when I returned this trip I found new handsome buildings standing where small adobes stood when I was here last. I once lived in El Paso and have a great deal of interest in the town's welfare. I hope to see it develop into a great city and you may be assured that the Texas & Pacific will do everything reasonable in its power to further that end."

Will Join in Union Depot Scheme.

When asked what the "El Paso Route" was going to do in regard to the union depot movement Mr. Thorne said: "I do not know what will be done but I have hoped that all the roads here would join together and have one fine depot. The town needs it as well as the roads do, and I am sure my company would be glad to join in such a move. I do not think anything has been done yet, however, for I have heard nothing on that line."

Mr. Thorne spoke of his satisfaction with the business the road has been doing here and expressed his willingness to help in any movement that would benefit El Paso. He says nothing has been done yet towards shortening the time over his line to Dallas and Fort Worth but he says he hopes to arrange for it in the near future. He hopes to have the train leave El Paso later in the morning and arrive at Fort Worth at the hour it now gets there. The time to St. Louis will be reduced to about 45 hours.

After driving over El Paso Mr. Thorne returned to his car and left for Dallas at 3 o'clock.

A MINISTER FILES A SENSATIONAL SUIT AGAINST SOME WOMEN OF HIS FLOCK.

WICHITA, Kas., Jan. 12.—Because some women members of his flock called him a "ladies' man" and a "high roller," the Rev. J. B. Wadleigh, pastor of the Congregational church of Waukomis, wants \$5,000 damages.

Today he filed suit in the court of Waukomis for that sum against Mrs. Charles Moore and Mrs. Stogstill, active in the social affairs of the town. He says in his petition that they told other women members of his congregation, and also about town, that he was altogether "too fresh" with certain women.

He alleges that such reports were and are untrue, and damaged him in his wife's estimate to such an extent that she left him.

He says he has been reprimanded by the church body on this charge and swears that he will ose his position. The women have employed an attorney to fight the case and will bring out some sensation evidence at the trial, it is said.

Christian Science. Regular services Sunday at 11 a. m. All services held at the Christian Science free reading rooms, room 15, Mills building.

AGUA NUEVA HAS ALMOST DISAPPEARED.

It is a Wonderful Lake of Wide Extent That Was Formed in One Night By a Cloudburst and Has Lasted for Years Without Being Replenished

Agua Nueva, the lake that was formed in a single night by a water spout on the Mexican Central railroad about 100 miles south of El Paso several years ago, is now almost dry and will entirely disappear within another year.

The formation of Agua Nueva was considered one of the most peculiar things that ever occurred in this section of the country. It is in a low valley between the mountains but no water had ever been seen there until the cloudburst. It was one the night of September 18th three years ago. The trains had been running regularly and no one ever thought of water covering the track there. When the train reached the spot the next day the track was submerged and a lake of water nearly fifteen miles long lay where water was never seen before. In many places it was ten feet deep and stretched for miles on both sides of the railroad. No trains could pass for three weeks and at that the road had to be moved.

No rain has fallen in that section since, however, and the water it fast drying up. The lake is now only about a mile across and it is thought that it will disappear entirely in another year.

MYSTIC SHRINERS WILL COME TOO.

Another Special Party of Good Fellows Will Help to Make El Paso's Great Carnival a Howling Success.—A Poem On the Occasion.

The Caravan of the Mystic Shriners of Texas promises to be one of the leading features of the Carnival and will be the means of bringing many people here who would not come for other reasons.

E. S. Eberle, potentate of Hella Temple, has issued a pamphlet requesting all nobles to attend and join in the first jollification of the first month of the first year of the new century. He begins his request with the following:

"Awake! Awake!! Awake!!! Ye sons of the Prophet! See to it that your camels are sleek and in good condition to join the Caravan destined for the Oasis of El Paso, the gate city on the Rio Grande, there to arrive Thursday, January the seventeenth, 1901.

"There is a sunny land,
Quite far away,
Where there is good hot sand
Most every day.
Oh! How the pilgrims'll yell
When their scorching feet we smell
How they'll think they are in ?????
And can't get away."

"Did it ever occur to you? That if you don't go with us to El Paso you will be hiring a tramp to kick you?"

The pamphlet is issued by the Hella Temple of Dallas which has chartered a train and will bring every Shriner who wishes to attend. There will probably be several cars of them. The train will arrive in El Paso Wednesday and Thursday night the banquet will years on account of disarrangement secret gathering and initiation of Shriners at the lodge hall.

AN ATTEMPT MADE TO BURN THE OMAHA HOME OF EDWARD CUDAHY.

OMAHA, Jan. 12.—It is suspected here that the mysterious fire which attacked the house of Edward Cudahy last night was started by agents of the men who kidnaped Mr. Cudahy's son, and was meant as a grim warning to the wealthy packer to withdraw the reward offered for the arrest of the kidnapers.

Mr. Cudahy has offered \$25,000 and the city \$25,000 additional.

THE PRESIDENT WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO SIT UP A PART OF THE TIME TODAY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—Secretary Cortelyou announced this morning that President McKinley's condition showed steady improvements and he would probably sit up a portion of the day.

Preparations for laying a new walk around two sides of the custom house were suddenly stopped when it was discovered that the prosecution of the work would fill the streets during Carnival week with piles of material. Captain Mose Dillon, custodian, ordered the workmen to improvise some sort of walk to take the place of the loose sand left after the bricks had been removed.